

11. BLACKCROWNED FINCH-LARK, *EREMOPTERIX NIGRICEPS AFFINIS* (BLYTH) IN GUJARAT

There appear to be no records of the Blackcrowned Finch-Lark in Gujarat till the bird was recorded at Kuar Bet in the extreme north of Kutch in March 1960 during the course of the BNHS/WHO Bird Migration Study Camp. Subsequently Dharmakumarsinhji recorded the bird at Bhavnagar on 12th March 1962. On the 28-ii-69 Dharmakumarsinhji and myself saw a flock of these larks at Rajawadla Tank near Jasdán. I saw a flock on 14-iii-69 and single males on 6-iv-69 and 19-iv-69 at various widely separated places 12 to 20 miles from Jasdán. Dharmakumarsinhji saw the bird at Khodiyar Dam near Bhavnagar on 26-iii-69. The bird seems to be wandering down in winter from Sind and Rajasthan where it is resident and may possibly even breed in Northern Gujarat and Kutch.

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GUJARAT,
May 8, 1969.

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12. RECOVERY OF RINGED BIRDS

Ring No. and Sex	Date and place of ringing	Date and place of Recovery	Remarks
Pintail Duck (<i>Anas acuta</i>)			
F-1231 ♂	10-10-1966. Bharatpur, Rajasthan (c. 27° 13'N., 77° 32' E.)	+ 8-3-1969. Kazakh SSR, Chimkent Reg., near Temirlanovka (c. 42° 38'N., 69° 15'E.)	Reported by Bird Ringing Centre, Moscow, USSR
F-1265 ♂?	11-10-1966	-do- + 0-9-1968. Novosibirsk Reg., near Barakinsk (c. 55° 24'N., 78° 20'E.)	-do-
F-1388 ♀	18-10-1966.	-do- + 2-11-1968. Uzbek SSR, Syr-Dariya Reg., Tuzkan Lake (c. 40° 36'N., 67° 30'E.)	-do-
F-1687 ♂	30-9-1967.	-do- 15-9-1968. Lake Chany, Novosibirsk, Russia (c. 55°N., 77°E.)	Reported by Prof. A. Maximov, Novosibirsk
F-1743 ♂	13-10-1967.	-do- + 19-5-1969. Tomsk Reg., Near Parabel (c. 58° 41'N., 81° 29'E.)	Reported by Bird Ringing Centre, Moscow, USSR

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Pintail Duck (<i>Anas acuta</i>)—contd.			
F-1782 ♂	21-10-1967. Bharatpur, Rajasthan (c. 27° 13' N., 77° 32'E.)	21-3-1969. Ranagarh Village of Surendranagar Dist., Gujarat State, near Nal Sarovar (c. 22° 43'N., 71° 59'E.)	Reported by H. L. Lalka, R.F.O.
F-1804 o?	23-10-1967.	-do- 15-9-1968. Ramagiri Tank of Pamidi Village, Anantapur Dist., A.P. (c. 14° 57'N., 77° 36'E.)	Reported by Shri Ramalingam
F-1855 ♂	25-10-1967.	-do- + 22-9-1968. Irkutsk Reg., near Kirensk (c. 57° 45'N., 108° 10'E.)	Reported by Bird Ringing Centre, Moscow, USSR
F-2220 ♂	10-11-1967.	-do- × 25-5-1969. Tyumen Reg., Krasnosel Kupskii Dt., near Kikiakki (c. 63° 49'N., 82° 42'E.)	-do-
F-2238 ♀	11-11-1967.	-do- + 20-9-1968. Altai Reg., Blagove Shchensk Dist., near Shimolino (c. 53° 00'N., 79° 59'E.)	-do-
F-2546 ♂	23-11-1967.	-do- + 12-5-1968. Tomsk Reg., near Kolpashshevo, (c. 58° 21'N., 82° 56'E.)	-do-
F-2602 ♀	25-11-1967.	-do- + 25-2-1969. Tadjik SSR, near Pendzhikent (c. 39° 30'N., 67° 36'E.)	-do-
F-3107 ♀	11-12-1967.	-do- + 14-10-1968. Dzhambul Reg., Balkash Lake (c. 47° 00'N., 75° 00'E.)	-do-
F-3666 ♀	29-12-1967.	-do- + Autumn 1968. Alma-Ata Reg., near Bakanas (c. 44° 53'N., 76° 14'E.)	-do-
F-4256 ♂	24-1-1968.	-do- + 18-5-1969. Tomsk Reg., near Parabel, (c. 58° 41'N., 81° 29'E.)	-do-
F-4989 ♂	18-2-1968.	-do- + 3-10-1968. Kokchetav Reg., near Kokchetav. (c. 53° 20'N., 69° 25'E.)	-do-
F-4994 ♀	18-2-1968.	-do- + 8-9-1968. Alma-Ata Region, near Kuigain (c. 45° 20'N., 74° 20'E.)	-do-
F-5021 ♂	18-2-1968.	-do- + 9-5-1968. Tyumen Reg., near Megion (c. 60° 00'N., 76° 04'E.)	-do-
F-5392 ♂	27-2-1968.	-do- + 2-9-1968. Pavlodar Reg., near Tavolzhan (c. 52° 43'N., 77° 24'E.)	-do-
F-5482 ♂	27-2-1968.	-do- + 13-5-1968. Tomsk Reg., near Asino (c. 57° 03'N., 86° 09'E.)	-do-

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Pintail Duck (<i>Anas acuta</i>)—contd.			
F-5665 ♀	3-3-1968. Bharatpur, Rajasthan (c. 27° 13'N., 77° 32'E.)	+ 10-5-1968. Krasnoyarsk Region, Turukhansk Dist., near Verkhne-Imbatskoe (c. 63° 10'N., 88° 00'E.)	Reported by Bird Ringing Centre, Moscow, USSR
Common Teal (<i>Anas crecca</i>)			
C-1672 o?	13-10-1966. Bharatpur, Rajasthan (c. 27° 13'N., 77° 32'E.)	26-2-1969. Sukheke, Mandi Dist., Gujranwala, West Pakistan (c. 32° 11'N., 74° 1'E.)	Reported by Mr. Kavid Mosood
C-1758 ♀	5-12-1964. Manjhaur, Monghyr Dist., Bihar (c. 25° 23'N., 86° 30'E.)	+ 10-5-1969. Buryatian ASSR, near Orongoi, (c. 51° 30'N., 107° 06'E.)	Reported by Bird Ringing Centre, Moscow, USSR
C-2742 ♂	20-10-1966. Bharatpur, Rajasthan, (c. 27° 13'N., 77° 32'E.)	+ 15-5-1969. Tomsk Reg., near Ust'-Tym. Kargasok Dist. (c. 59° 27'N., 80° 00'E.)	-do-
C-3487 ♂	27-10-1967. -do-	+ 24-5-1969. Tyumen Reg., Nizhne-Vartovsk Dist., near Larjak (c. 61° 05'N., 80° 17'E.)	-do-
C-3538 ♂	29-10-1967. -do-	6-4-1969. 5 miles off Muridke Sheikhpura, West Pakistan (c. 31° 77'N., 73° 97'E.)	Reported by Sh. Ahmed Saeed
C-3612 ♀	5-11-1967. -do-	+ 18-5-1969. Tomsk Reg., Kolpashevo Dt., near Staro-Korotkino (c. 58° 02'N., 82° 59'E.)	Reported by Bird Ringing Centre, Moscow, USSR
C-3633 ♀	5-11-1967. -do-	+ 27-9-1968. Karaganda Reg., Balkhash Lake (c. 45° 58'N., 74° 30'E.)	-do-
C-3695 ♀	6-11-1967. -do-	+ 17-5-1969. Tomsk Reg., near Parabel, (c. 58° 41'N., 81° 29'E.)	-do-
C-3750 ♂	6-11-1967. -do-	+ 0-10-1968. Kemerov Reg., near Taiga (c. 56° 04'N., 85° 37'E.)	-do-
C-3848 ♂	7-11-1967. -do-	+ 25-9-1968. Novosibirsk Reg., near Chistoozerno (c. 54° 45'N., 76° 36'E.)	-do-
C-4081 ♂	11-11-1967. -do-	+ 15-9-1968. Kazakh SSR, near Zelinograd (c. 53° 10'N., 71° 28'E.)	-do-
C-4124 ♂	12-11-1967. -do-	9-4-1969. Jullunder Dt., Punjab (c. 31° 20'N., 75° 35'E.)	Reported by Mohmida Singh
C-4421 ♂	30-11-1967. -do-	+ 25-8-1968. Tuva, near Kyzyl. (c. 51° 41'N., 94° 31'E.)	Reported by Bird Ringing centre Moscow, USSR

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Common Teal (<i>Anas crecca</i>)—contd.			
C-4472 ♂	1-12-1967. Bharatpur, Rajasthan (c. 27° 13' N., 77° 32' E.)	+ 8-9-1968. Alma-Ata Reg., Balkash Dist., near Kuigan (c. 45° 20' N., 74° 10' E.)	Reported by Bird Ringing Centre, Moscow, USSR
C-4622 ♂	6-12-1967. -do-	+ 22-9-1968. Alma-Ata Reg., near Talgar (c. 43° 17' N., 77° 14' E.)	-do-
C-4663 ♂	7-10-1967. -do-	26-2-1969. Sukheke, Mandi Dist., Gujranwala, West Pakistan (c. 32° 11' N., 74° 1' E.)	Reported by Mr. Kavid Mosood
C-4737 ♂	3-12-1967. -do-	+ 15-3-1969. Kirghiz S.S.R., Osh Reg., near Kara Su (c. 43° N., 73° E.)	Reported by Bird Ringing Centre, Moscow, USSR
C-5361 ♂	21-1-1969. -do-	25-5-1969. Krasnoyarsk Reg., Eniseiskii Dist., near Lugovatka (c. 59° 05' N., 89° 04' E.)	-do-
C-5363 ♂	21-1-1969. -do-	+ 1-3-1969. Syr-Dariya Reg., near Dzhizak (c. 40° 07' N., 67° 49' E.)	-do-
C-5364 ♂	-do- -do-	1-4-1969. Swat Valley, Pakistan, Waliabad (c. 34° 72' N., 73° 3' E.)	Reported by Saidu Sharif
C-5544 ♀	3-3-1968. -do-	+ 12-9-1968. Kazakh S.S.R., near Charyn (c. 43° 45' N., 79° 23' E.)	Reported by Bird Ringing Centre, Moscow, USSR
Spotbill Duck (<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>)			
G-039 Ad.	7-3-1969. Bharatpur, Rajasthan (c. 27° 13' N., 77° 32' E.)	+ 14-7-1969. Etah Dist., 52 miles north of Agra, U.P. (c. 27° 46' N., 78° 56' E.)	Reported by Ram Gopal Singh
Gadwall (<i>Anas strepera</i>)			
F-4397 ♂	31-1-1968. Bharatpur, Rajasthan (c. 27° 13' N., 77° 32' E.)	6-4-1969. Kashmir, Srinagar (c. 33° 70' N., 74° 1' E.)	Reported by Mr. Mohd Rafiq
F-4436 ♀	31-1-1968. -do-	+ 31-3-1968. Kazakh S.S.R., Zelinograd Dis., near Alekseevka (c. 52° 00' N., 71° 01' E.)	Reported by Bird Ringing Centre, Moscow, USSR
F-5494 ♀	28-2-1968. -do-	+ 31-8-1968. Kazakh SSR, Dzhabul Reg., near Furmanovka (c. 44° 17' N., 72° 55' E.)	-do-
F-5599 ♀	1-3-1968. -do-	+ 0-7-1968. Altai Reg., near Blagoveshchenka (c. 52° 50' N., 79° 42' E.)	-do-

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Wigeon (<i>Anas penelope</i>)			
F-1617	♂ 15-1-1967. Nalbandh, Chilka Lake, Orissa (c. 19° 56' N., 85° 6' E.)	+ 25-5-1969. Yakutian ASSR, Near Vilyuisk (c. 63° 50' N., 121° 38' E.)	Reported by Bird Ringing Centre, Moscow, USSR
F-3181	♀ 14-12-1967. Bharatpur, Rajasthan (c. 27° 13' N., 77° 32' E.)	+ Autumn 1968. Irkutsk Region (c. 53° 38' N., 104° 6' E.)	-do-
F-4199	♀ 23-1-1968. -do-	+ 25-5-1969. Yakutian ASSR, Near Lensk (c. 60° 42' N., 114° 55' E.)	-do-
F-6702	♂ 28-2-1969. -do-	+ 16-5-1969. Tomsk Region, near Kolpashevo (c. 58° 21' N., 82° 56' E.)	-do-
Garganey (<i>Anas querquedula</i>)			
C-3201	o? 7-10-1967. Bharatpur, Rajasthan (c. 27° 13' N., 77° 32' E.)	6-11-1969. Attur, Salem Dist., Madras (c. 11° 23' N., 77° 46' E.)	Reported by Dr. S. Amritsami
C-5631	♂ 9-3-1968. -do-	9-3-1969. Mirgund, Srinagar, Kashmir (c. 33° 70' N., 74° 1' E.)	Reported by Mr. Mohd Rafiq.
Shoveller (<i>Anas clypeata</i>)			
F-1593	♂ 11-1-1967. Noapara, Chilka Lake, Orissa (c. 19° 56' N., 85° 6' E.)	+ 31-5-1969. Yakutian ASSR, Vilyuik Dist., near Khampa (c. 62° 57' N., 115° 13' E.)	Reported by Bird Ringing Centre, Moscow, USSR
F-2578	♂ 24-11-1967. Bharatpur, Rajasthan, (c. 27° 13' N., 77° 32' E.)	+ 24-9-1968. Altai Region, near Kalmanka (c. 55° 55' N., 83° 31' E.)	-do-
F-3236	♂ 20-12-1967. -do-	+ 0-9-1968. Tomsk Reg., near Kolpashevo (c. 58° 21' N., 82° 56' E.)	-do-
F-4434	♂ 31-1-1968. -do-	28-2-1969. Dist., Muzaffargarh, Multan Divn. (c. 30° 4' N., 71° 12' E.)	Reported by Shri Malik Mahmud Ahmed, Multan Cantonment
F-4911	♂ 14-2-1968. -do-	+ 1-9-1968. Buryatian ASSR. The delta of the Selenga (c. 52° 20' N., 106° 30' E.)	Reported by Bird Ringing Centre, Moscow, USSR
F-5345	♂ 26-2-1968. -do-	+ 24-3-1969. Kazakh SSR, Chimkent Reg., near Chulakurgan (c. 43° 46' N., 69° 09' E.)	-do-
F-5390	♀ 27-2-1968. -do-	+ 5-9-1968. Kzyl-orda Reg., near Novokazalinsk (c. 45° 52' N., 62° 11' E.)	-do-
F-5503	♀? 28-2-1968. -do-	+ 19-5-1969. Tomsk Reg., near Kargasok (c. 59° 04' N., 80° 51' E.)	-do-

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Shoveller (<i>Anas clypeata</i>)—contd.			
F-5553 ♂	29-2-1968. Bharatpur, Rajasthan, (c. 27° 13'N., 77° 32'E.)	+ 12-9-1968. Severo-Kazakh Reg., near Yuvlenka (c. 54° 22'N., 68° 28'E.)	Reported by Bird Ringing Centre, Moscow, USSR
F-6742 ♂	9-3-1969. -do-	+ 19-5-1969. Tomsk Reg., Kargasok Dt., near Ust'-Chizhanka (c. 59° 00'N., 79° 30'E.)	-do-
Common Pochard (<i>Aythya ferina</i>)			
F-4204 o ?	23-1-1968. Bharatpur, Rajasthan (c. 27° 13'N., 77° 32'E.)	+ 5-9-1968. Kazakh SSR, Balkhash Lake (c. 46° 00'N., 74° 14'E.)	Reported by Bird Ringing Centre, Moscow, USSR
F-4444 ♀	1-2-1968. -do-	19-3-1969. Khusnak, Sargodha Dist., West Pakistan (c. 32° 4'N., 72° 43'E.)	Reported by Mr. Shah
F-4551 ♂ Ad.	5-2-1968. -do-	+ 15-9-1968. Kazakh SSR, Kokchetav Reg., near Kokchetav (c. 53° 19'N., 69° 22'E.)	Reported by Bird Ringing Centre, Moscow, USSR
F-4953 ♀	16-2-1968. -do-	+ 30-8-1968. Kurgan Reg., near Lebyazhie (c. 55° 16'N., 66° 31'E.)	-do-
White-eyed Pochard (<i>Aythya nyroca</i>)			
F-3369 ♂	22-12-1967. Bharatpur, Rajasthan (c. 27° 13'N., 77° 32'E.)	+ 0-3-1969. Kazakh SSR, Alma-Ata Reg., near Chilik (c. 43°N., 77° 1'E.)	Reported by Bird Ringing Centre, Moscow, USSR
Tufted Duck (<i>Aythya fuligula</i>)			
F-4154 ♂	22-1-1968 Bharatpur, Rajasthan (c. 27° 13'N., 77° 32'E.)	19-3-1969. Mahbubnagar, A.P. (c. 16° 81'N., 78° 1'E)	Reported by Mr. Md. Ibrahim
F-4699 o ?	9-2-1968. -do-	+ 1968. Omsk Region	Reported by Bird Ringing Centre, Moscow, USSR
Coot (<i>Fulica atra</i>)			
F-2164 o ?	7-11-1967. Bharatpur, Rajasthan, (c. 27° 13'N., 77° 32'E.)	+ 1-7-1968. Kazakh SSR, Dzhambul Reg., near Dzhambul (c. 42° 54'N., 71° 24'E.)	Reported by Bird Ringing Centre, Moscow, USSR
F-3192 o ?	15-12-1967. -do-	+ 0-10-1968. Chimkent Reg., near Chardara (c. 41° 20'N., 67° 54'E.)	-do-
F-3195 o ?	15-12-1967. -do-	+ 1-9-1968. Severo kazakh Reg.	-do-

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Coot (<i>Fulica atra</i>)—contd.			
F-3434 o?	27-12-1967. Bharatpur, Rajasthan, (c. 27° 13'N., 77° 32'E.)	+ 12-9-1968. Kazakh SSR, Balkash Lake (c. 46° N., 74° 14'E.)	Reported by Bird Ringing Centre, Moscow, USSR
F-5865 Ad.	21-1-1969. -do-	+ 29-3-1969. Tadjik SSR, near Shaartuz (c. 37° 12'N., 68° 08'E.)	-do-

Comb Duck (*Sarkidiornis melanotos*)

66-352 ♀	27-2-1968. Bharatpur, Rajasthan, (c. 27° 13'N., 77° 32'E.)	8-8-1969. Tonk, Rajasthan. (c. 26° 10'N., 75° 48'E.)	Reported by Khan Bhadar Mahmood Khan
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Little Stint (*Calidris minutus*)

A-93726 o?	10-10-1969. Point Calimere, Thanjavur Dt., Tamil Nadu (10° 18'N., 79° 51'E.)	20-10-1969. North Van- jur, near Karaikal, Pondicherry	Reported by Mr. K. Kanagasabai
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Curlew-Sandpiper (*Calidris testaceus*)

AB-12967 o?	27-9-1967. Bharatpur, Rajasthan (c. 27° 13'N., 77° 32'E.)	13-6-1969. Tanjore Dt., Mayuram Taluk, Madras (c. 10° 30'N., 78° 50' E.)	Reported by A. M. Abdul Kader
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Ruff (*Philomachus pugnax*)

AB-14060 ♂	11-10-1967. Bharatpur, Rajasthan, (c. 27° 13'N., 77° 32'E.)	15-12-1968. Near Amkhera, Jabalpur Dist. (c. 23° 6'N., 79° 4'E.)	Reported by C. H. Samida
AB-15447 ♀	3-11-1967. -do-	+ 21-5-1969. Magadan Reg., near Susman (c. 62° 50'N., 148° 11'E.)	Reported by Bird Ringing Centre, Moscow, USSR
B-2132 ♂	13-10-1966. -do-	+ 20-5-1969. Yakutian ASSR, near Suntar (c. 62° 10'N., 116° 50'E.)	-do-
B-4097 ♂	30-9-1967. -do-	+ 22-5-1969. Yakutian ASSR, near Olekminsk (c. 60° 22'N., 120° 26'E.)	-do-
B-4588 ♂	25-10-1967. -do-	31-2-1968. Mandi, Baha- uddin, West Pakistan, (c. 31° 64'N., 76° 91'E.)	Reported by Mr. G. Rasul
B-4600 ♂	25-10-1967. -do-	+ 12-3-1969. Turkmen SSR, near Tedzhen (c. 37° 23'N., 60° 30'E.)	Reported by Bird Ringing Centre, Moscow, USSR
B-4730 ♂	3-11-1967. -do-	+ 25-5-1969. Krasnoyarsk Reg., near Severo-Eniseiskii (c. 60° 23'N., 93° 00'E.)	-do-

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<i>House Sparrow (Passer domesticus)</i>			
A-82898 ♂	22-1-1969. Bharatpur, Rajasthan, (c. 27° 13'N., 77° 32'E.)	× 19-5-1969. Tadjik SSR, Moscow Reg., near Kulab. (c. 37° 55'N., 69° 48'E.)	Reported by Bird Ringing Centre, Moscow, USSR
<i>Common Rosefinch (Carpodacus erythrinus)</i>			
AB-21078 ♀	18-3-1969. Bharatpur, Rajasthan, (c. 27° 13'N., 77° 32'E.)	+ 16-6-1969. Uliyanovsk Reg., near Inza (c. 53° 50'N., 46° 21'E.)	Reported by Bird Ringing Centre, Moscow, USSR

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13. OCCURRENCE OF THE ROCK LIZARD (*PSAMMOPHILUS* SP.) IN TIRUKKALIKKUNRAM HILL, CHINGLEPUT DT., TAMIL NADU

The two species of the genus *Psammophilus* occur, according to Smith (1935), FAUNA OF BRITISH INDIA, Reptiles 2 : 208-210, at 'considerable altitudes' on hills in their distributional range in Peninsular India. I have also seen the species of the genus usually above 2000 ft., and was therefore surprised to see specimens of *Psammophilus* on the 500-foot high Tirukkalikunram Hill situated 50 miles south-west of Madras. I was also not aware of the occurrence of *Psammophilus* so close to Madras though *Psammophilus dorsalis* has been recorded from South Arcot.

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14. DEFANGED COBRAS, HOW THEY SURVIVE

In July 1968, in Bangalore I met and spent some time with a 'snake-charmer' named Sayed Imam. He and his sons travel to Thailand, Viet Nam, Cambodia and Malaysia every year making their living mostly around the U.S. Military bases there. As the vast majority of snake-charmers do, he defangs the cobras he uses in his act. In his younger days he had been bitten a few times and had scars and a couple of misshapen fingers as evidence. He said that he would show me how he